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PART 1.0
Interstate Roster and Referral Guide

1.1 Introduction

The Interstate Roster and Referral Guide (IRG) is an information resource tool used to facilitate the exchange of child support enforcement information between states. The IRG data includes the states' profiles of services, valid Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Codes and addresses, Federal and regional office data, and demographic data on international Child Support Enforcement agencies. The IRG data referred to throughout this document consists of the State Profile and the state FIPS Codes and address data.

This document provides specifications for the capability to add, delete, view, and modify address information for county offices on the IRG. It also identifies new links that are being provided in the State Profile section. Further it contains an explanation of the impact of these changes on the states.

Part 2.0, "Local CSE Offices", describes how states may enter address information and multiple local child support offices.

Part 3.0, "Link to State Laws and Statutes", describes how states can view other state's laws and statutes by linking directly to each state's statutory citation information.

Part 4.0, "Enlarge Comments Section", describes the enlarged Comments section that allows states to provide a better description of an address type and identify areas of responsibility.

The appendices provide a layout of the format in which states receive the IRG data and the screen prints that illustrate the changes being implemented under this release.

PART 2.0
Local CSE Offices
(IRG 1480)

2.1 Overview

States have requested that the IRG allow state administrators the capability to add, modify and delete address descriptions for local Child Support Enforcement (CSE) offices within a county. In addition, states requested the capability to view addresses for local CSE offices. This information is to be available for Public View as well.

2.2 Implementation

Upon implementation, states will have the option to add, delete, modify and view addresses for multiple local CSE offices for a desired county.

2.3 IRG Processing

This section describes the changes being made to allow adding, editing and searching for the new address type.

2.3.1 LOCAL CSE OFFICES

The following is a list of additional valid local CSE offices address descriptions and their associated address type codes:

- CON - Child Support Office I
- CTW -Child Support Office II
- CTH – Child Support Office III
- CFO – Child Support Office IV
- CFV – Child Support Office V
- CSX – Child Support Office VI
- CSV – Child Support Office VII
- CET – Child Support Office VIII
- CNN – Child Support Office IX
- CTN – Child Support Office X
- CEL – Child Support Office XI
- CTV – Child Support Office XII
- CTR – Child Support Office XIII
- CFR – Child Support Office XIV
- CFT – Child Support Office XV
- CST – Child Support Office XVI
- CSE – Child Support office XVII
- CEI – Child Support Office XVIII
- CNI – Child Support Office XIX
- CTY – Child Support Office XX

2.3.2 NEW MODE FOR ADDRESSES

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, click the **County** button to display the “New County Address Data” screen (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-1, “Local Child Support Office Text Box – New Mode”).

1. Click the arrow located on the right side of the “Select County FIPS Code” text box. A list of valid FIPS Codes appears.
2. Select the desired county FIPS Code and its FIPS Code appears in the “Select County FIPS Code” text box.
3. Click the arrow located on the right side of the “Local CSE” address type, which is located beneath the “FIPS Code-State/County” text boxes (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-1, “Local Child Support Office Text Box – New Mode,” for the revised screen). A list of valid local CSE Offices appears.
4. Select the desired local CSE office and the selected local office appears in the “Select Local CSE” text box. The new address data is entered on this screen.

The following data is required: local CSE name, address, city, state/province and zip code.

Please note: The county FIPS Code and local CSE text boxes must contain data. Also, the “Select Address Description” text box is not available after clicking the down arrow on the “Select Local CSE ” text box.

2.3.3 EDIT MODE

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, click the **County** button to display the “Select County Addresses” screen (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-2, “Select Child Support Office – Edit Mode”). To search for a local CSE office:

1. Click the down arrow located on the “Select County Name” text box. A list of valid county names appears.
2. Select the desired county name and the name appears in the “Select County Name” text box.
3. Click the down arrow located on the “Select Local CSE” text box. A list of valid local CSE offices appears.
4. Select the desired local CSE and the name appears in the “Select Local CSE” text box.
5. Click the **County** button under Select Address Type to display the associated local CSE office address data (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-3, “Local Child Support Office – Edit Mode”).

To select a different local office, return to the “Select County Address” menu screen. **Please note:** The “Select County Names” and “Select Local CSE” text boxes must contain data.

2.3.4 SEARCH CAPABILITIES

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, click the **County** button (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-3, “Local Child Support Office – Edit Mode”). To search for a local CSE office address:

1. Click “Select County Name” arrow located on the right side of the text box and select the desired county. The selected county name appears in the “Select County Name” text box.
2. Click the “Local CSE” arrow located on the right side of the “Local CSE” text box. Select the desired local CSE and it appears in the “Select Local CSE” text box.
3. Click the **Search** button and the desired local CSE office address data appears on the “View County Address Data (View Only)” screen.

Please note: The “Select County Names” and “Select Local CSE” text boxes must contain data.

2.4 Impact on States

This enhancement may require that the states modify their systems to accommodate the new local CSE offices address types.

PART 3.0
Link to State Laws and Statutes
(IRG 1482)

3.1 Overview

States have requested that the IRG provide links to other state's statutory citation information in the State Profile section.

3.2 Implementation

Upon implementation, the OCSE administrator, state administrators, state users and the public will have the capability to view any state's statutory citation information (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-5, "Link to State Laws and Statutes" – View Mode"). The OCSE administrator will have the capability to edit URL addresses for all states (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-6, "Link to State Laws and Statutes" – Edit Mode"). The state administrators will have the capability to edit their own state's URL information. IRG Processing

The links and the associated questions that contain statutory citation information will be located in the State Profile section of the IRG.

3.2.1 EDIT MODE

While in View mode, state administrators can click the **Edit** link on the task bar to edit each URL's address. The system warns the administrator to print a backup copy of the data before editing. The administrator can press **OK** to print the data or **Cancel** to go directly to edit without printing.

After either printing the data or canceling the dialogue box, the "Edit Profile" screen appears. To edit a URL, click the section jumpers of the State Profile section. Scroll through the data until a question is reached that contains a statutory citation link. Edit the URL information and click the **Save** button to save the changes. The updated URL address can be tested by clicking the link beneath the URL's editable text box labeled "Test Current Link – Click Here" (refer to Appendix B, Figure B-6, "Link to State Laws and Statutes" – Edit Mode").

3.3.2 SEARCH CAPABILITIES

The state, public and OCSE users can search for URL information in the State Profile section by scrolling until the URL information appears.

3.3 Impact on States

This modification will not require a program change to the state system.

PART 4.0
Enlarge Comments Section
(IRG 1483)

4.1 Overview

States have requested that the IRG display a larger Comments section on all address screens. This will allow states the capability to provide a detailed address type and defined area of responsibility. The public user can view the Comments section located on the address screens.

4.2 Implementation

Upon implementation, the state administrator will be able to enter a maximum of 500 characters in the Comments section.

4.3 IRG Processing

The address screens will contain a Comments section that allows entry or display of data up to 500-characters in length (please refer to Appendix B, Figure B-4, “Comments Dialog Box”).

4.3.1 NEW MODE

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, press the **State**, **Region**, or **County** button to display the “New [State, Region, or County] Address Data” screen (please refer to the *Online IRG User Guide* for information about adding state, region or county addresses).

1. Click the comment text box to enter comments. A window opens for entering comments up to 500 characters in length.
2. Click the **Close Window** button to temporarily store the data or click Cancel if you do not wish to store the data. The new comment data is not saved until the **Save** button is clicked.
3. Click the **Save** button to save the new comment.

4.3.2 EDIT MODE

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, press the **State**, **Region** or **County** button to display the “Select [State, Region, or County] Addresses” screen (please refer to the *Online IRG User Guide* for information about editing state, region or county addresses).

1. The comments section of the address displays a maximum of 50 characters on the screen. If there are more characters, a message requesting that you “Click here for comments” appears in the comments text box. Click the comments text box. A window appears that displays the entire comments section. Correct the comments and close the window.
2. If you do not want to commit the changes to the comments, click **Cancel** and the window closes without saving the changes. Changes to comments are not saved until

- the **Save** button is clicked.
3. Click the **Save** button to save the modified address.

4.3.3 SEARCH CAPABILITIES

After selecting the state on the navigation panel, press the **State**, **Region** or **County** button to display the “New [State, Region, or County] Address Data (Read Only)” screen (please refer to the *Online IRG User Guide* for information about viewing state, region or county addresses).

1. A maximum of 50 characters is automatically displayed on the screen. If more than 50 characters exist, a “Click here for comments” appears in the comments text box.
2. Click the comments text box and a window appears that displays the entire comments section (up to a maximum of 500 characters).
3. After viewing, click the **Close Window** button.

4.4 Impact on States

This modification does not require a program change to state systems.

Appendices

A. DOWNLOAD RECORD LAYOUT

This record format provides the specifications for downloading FIPS Codes and addresses to the states. Type 'A' is alphabetic, type 'N' is numeric, and type 'A/N' is alphanumeric.

CHART A-1: DOWNLOADING FIPS CODES AND ADDRESSES TO STATES				
Label Fields	Position in Record	Length	Type	Description
Address Type 1	1-3	3	A	Type of Address STA – State LOC – County/Local FED – Federal INT – International
Address Type 2	4-6	3	A	Type of Address <u>Address Type 1 LOC</u> COL – Collection AGO – Attorney General CHC – Chancery Court CLC – Clerk of the Court CTC – Circuit Court DAO – District Attorney DTC – District Court FAC – Family Court FRC – Friends of the Court JDR – Juvenile and Domestic PAO – Prosecuting Attorney Relations Court RES – Responding SPO – State Prosecutor SUP – Superior Courts TLC – Tribal Court CON – Child Support Office I CTW – Child Support Office II CTH – Child Support Office III CFO – Child Support Office IV CFV – Child Support Office V CSX – Child Support Office VI CSV – Child Support Office VII CET – Child Support Office VIII CNN – Child Support Office IX CTN – Child Support Office X CEL – Child Support Office XI CTV – Child Support Office XII CTR – Child Support Office XIII

CHART A-1: DOWNLOADING FIPS CODES AND ADDRESSES TO STATES				
Label Fields	Position in Record	Length	Type	Description
				<p>CFR – Child Support Office XIV CFT – Child Support Office XV CST – Child Support Office XVI CSE – Child Support office XVII CEI – Child Support Office XVIII CNI – Child Support Office XIX CTY – Child Support Office XX</p> <p><u>Address Type 1 STA</u> AIP – Automated Interstate Case Payment Requests AIS – Automated Interstate Case Status Requests BVS – Bureau of Vital Statistics CDC – Collection and Distribution Contact CEJ – Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction Contact COC – Copy of Order Contact CRG – Central Registry Contact CNT – CSENet Contact EAC – Employer Assistance Contact EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer Contact EIW – Employer Income Withholding Contact FDM – Financial Institution Data Match Contact GCL – Guidelines Calculations Contact GTI – Genetic Testing and Interstate Teleconferencing Contact IPC – Interstate Policy Contact IRG – Interstate Roster and Referral Guide Contact IVD – State IV-D Director NHR– New Hire Reporting Contact NVD– Non IV-D Contact PRW– PRWORA-Administrative Policies, Procedures Contact PAF – Paternity Acknowledgement Forms Contact PAT – Paternity Acknowledgement Copies Contact</p>

CHART A-1: DOWNLOADING FIPS CODES AND ADDRESSES TO STATES				
Label Fields	Position in Record	Length	Type	Description
				PDC – Passport Denial Contact PFR – Putative Father Registry PRC – Privatization Contact PYR – Payment Records Contact SDU – State Disbursement Unit SLA – State Long Arm Statute and Process Contact SLC – State Lien Contact SPA – State Paternity Acknowledgement Hospital Contact SPC – Service of Process Contact SPL – State Parent Locator Service TOC – Tax Offset Coordinator UCW – Unemployment Compensation Withholding WCW – Workers Compensation Withholding RON – Regional Office I RTW – Regional Office II RTH – Regional Office III RFO – Regional Office IV RFV – Regional Office V RSX – Regional Office VI RSV – Regional Office VII RET – Regional Office VIII RNN – Regional Office IX RTN – Regional Office X <u>Address Type 1 FED</u> CEN – OCSE Central Office REG – OCSE Region <u>Address Type 1 INT</u> FRC – Foreign Country
State Code or Country	7-8	2	A/N	State, Territory Code or Country (e.g., '04' or 'RP')
County Code (Local Code) International City or Province	9-11	3	A/N	County FIPS Code (e.g., '000') International City or Province (e.g., '0D9' or space in the first '0' as a placeholder).
State Extension Code (Sub Local Code)	12-13	2	N	Assigned by state (e.g., '00') International ID is zero or space.

CHART A-1: DOWNLOADING FIPS CODES AND ADDRESSES TO STATES				
Label Fields	Position in Record	Length	Type	Description
or International ID				
Department Name	14-48	35	A	Department name
Title	49-83	35	A	Title
Street Address Line 1	84-118	35	A/N	First line of street address
Street Address Line 2	119-153	35	A/N	Second line of street address
CITY	154-183	30	A	Name of the city
State or Country	184-203	20	A	State abbreviation or country name
Zip Code	204-212	9	N	U.S. Zip Code
Area Code	213-215	3	N	Telephone area code
Exchange	216-218	3	N	Telephone exchange
Sequence Number	219-222	4	N	Telephone number
Extension Number	223-227	5	N	Telephone extension
Action Code	228-228	1	A	A – Address added C – Address changed D – Address deleted
Facsimile	229-231	3	N	Facsimile telephone area code
Facsimile Exchange 1	232-234	3	N	Facsimile telephone exchange
Facsimile Sequence Number	235-238	4	N	Facsimile telephone number
Record Date	239-246	8	N	System generated date when record is added, changed or deleted in the format CCYYMMDD
Filler	247-247	1	A/N	Filler

Notes:

Downloaded data that is marked as having been “changed” (designated by an Action Code of ‘C’ in the 228th position) may not actually appear as changed. Not all data elements are downloaded, and the change may have occurred in one of the data elements that was not downloaded.

B. SCREEN PRINTS

The following are sample screen prints for the address description for the local child support office screen, comments screen, and citation screen.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "IRG - IRG Addresses - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocse/". The page header includes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo and the text "The Administration for Children and Families". Navigation links include "Programs", "Contacts", "Grants & Contracts", "State & Local", "Research & Publications", and "Budget & Policy". The main heading is "OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT". Below this, there are links for "OCSE Home", "Program Information", "News", "Publications", "Policy", "State Links", "OCSE Search", and "Help".

The form is titled "New County Address Data" in red. It is divided into two main sections: "Select Mode" and "Select Address Type".

Select Mode: Includes "New" (selected) and "Edit" buttons.

Select Address Type: Includes a dropdown menu for "15-Hawaii", buttons for "State", "Region", and "County", a dropdown for "Select Country", and buttons for "International", "Central-OCSE", "Regional-OCSE", "IRG-Download", "Return to Map", and "OCSE - Home".

Form Fields:

- Address Desc:
- Local CSE:
- FIPS Code - State/County:
- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Dept:
- Title:
- Address:
- City: State/Province: HI
- Zip:
- Phone: x
- Fax:
- Email:
- Comments:
- Modified:
- Certified:

Buttons at the bottom: "Logoff" and "Save".

Figure B-1: Local Child Support Office Text Box – New Mode

Local Address Selection - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

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ACF Home Search Privacy Questions? Site Index

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OCSE Home Program Information News Publications Policy State Links OCSE Search Help

Select Mode
New Edit

Select Address Type

15-Hawaii
State Region County

-Select Country-
International
Central-OCSE
Regional-OCSE

IRG-Download
Return to Map
OCSE - Home

Select County Addresses

-Select County Name-
-Address Description-
-Select Local CSE-
County Search

-Select Contact Name-
Name Search

-Select City-
City Search

You may search by County Name or Contact Name or City. If you search by County Name, you may optionally also select an Address Description to further refine your search. After making your selections, click on the Search button.

Logoff

Figure B-2: Select Child Support Office— Edit Mode

IRG - IRG Addresses - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Select Mode
New ☐ Edit ☒

Select Address Type
15-Hawaii
State Region County
-Select Country-
International
Central-OCSE
-Select Region-
Regional-OCSE
IRG-Download
Return to Map
OCSE - Home
Certify

Edit County Address Data

FIPS Code - State: 15-Hawaii 003-Honolulu County
Local CSE: Child Support Office I
First Name: Tom
Last Name: Jones
Dept: Honolulu County
Title: Director
Address: P.O. Box 2310
City: Honolulu State/Province: HI
Zip: 96804-2310
Phone: 808 692 7027 x Fax: x
Email:
Comments:
Modified: 8/1/2002 Certified: 7/15/2002
Logoff Save Delete

Figure B-3: Local Child Support Office – Edit Mode

James Smith, Director of Child Welfare
Send all correspondence to 1245 Westly
St. Honolulu, Hawaii 90589

Cancel

-Select Country-

International

Central-OCSE

-Select Region-

Regional-OCSE

Exit IRG

Return to Map

OCSE - Home

Last Name : Brown

Dept : State Parent Locator Service

Title : Director

Address : 123 Testing Lane
P.O. Box 1120

City : Kapolei State/Province : HI

Zip : 99898

Phone : 808 999 9999 x

Fax : 808 999 9999

Comments : Click here for comments

Modified : 10/2/2001

Certified : 6/12/2002

Figure B-4: Comments Dialog Text Box

OCSE STATE PROFILE - View Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACF

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B. UIFSA [top of page](#)

B1. What is the enactment date of your State's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)?	7/8/1994
B2. What is the effective date of your State's Act?	07/01/1994
B3. What is the statutory cite for your State's Act?	C. 20-88.32 to 20-88.82 of the Code of Virginia For Additional Information - Click Here
B4. Does your State's Act include the 1996 amendments to the model UIFSA?	Yes
B4.1. Optional comments regarding your State's UIFSA Act	Office of the Attorney General and County or City Commonwealth Attorneys; Virginia Employment Commission; Department of Motor Vehicles; Department of Taxation; Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Corrections; Department of Health; Electronic Parent Locator Network; Department of Accounts; Virginia Courts and Department of Treasury

C. Reciprocity [top of page](#)

C1. With what foreign countries does your State reciprocate?	Australia; Austria; Canadian Provinces (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Islands, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory); Czech Republic, England and Wales; France; Hungary; Northern Ireland; Poland; Scotland; Sweden; Germany and Zimbabwe
C2. Has your State established reciprocity with any tribal courts?	No
C2.1. If yes, list the tribes and identify services provided, if less than full services.	Office of the Attorney General and County or City Commonwealth Attorneys; Virginia Employment Commission; Department of Motor Vehicles; Department of Taxation; Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department of Corrections; Department of Health; Electronic Parent Locator Network; Department of

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Figure B-5: Link to State Laws and Statutes – View Mode

OCSE STATE PROFILE - Edit Page - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by ACF

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

B. UIFSA

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B1. What is the enactment date of your State's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)?
7/8/1994

B2. What is the effective date of your State's Act?
07/01/1994

B3. What is the statutory cite for your State's Act?
C. 20-88.32 to 20-88.82 of the Code of Virginia

Link to Additional Information (URL):
<http://www.va.state.gov>
Test Current Link - [Click Here](#)

B4. Does your State's Act include the 1996 amendments to the model UIFSA?
☒ YES ☐ NO

B4.1. Optional comments regarding your State's UIFSA Act
Office of the Attorney General and County or City Commonwealth Attorneys; Virginia Employment Commission; Department of Motor Vehicles; Department of Taxation; Department of Medical Assistance Services; Department

C. Reciprocity

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C1. With what foreign countries does your State reciprocate?
Australia; Austria; Canadian Provinces (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Islands, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon

C2. Has your State established reciprocity with any tribal courts?
☐ YES ☒ NO

C2.1. If yes, list the tribes and identify services
Office of the Attorney General and County or City Commonwealth Attorneys; Virginia

Done Internet

Figure B-6: Link to State Laws and Statutes – Edit Mode